

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2004-2005 - Arbitration Filings				
	2004	2005	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,362	9,026	-336	-3.6%
Kent County	2,858	3,030	172	6.0%
Sussex County	3,774	3,476	-298	-7.9%
State	15,994	15,532	-462	-2.9%

Caseload Comparisons - Fiscal Years 2004-2005 - Arbitration Dispositions				
	2004	2005	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,030	8,591	-439	-4.9%
Kent County	2,828	3,019	191	6.8%
Sussex County	3,809	3,491	-318	-8.3%
State	15,667	15,101	-566	-3.6%

Arbitration Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2005

1. Arbitration is an informal proceeding in which a specially trained arbitration officer attempts to resolve juvenile delinquency cases involving minor charges.
2. The Attorney General's Office decides according to established criteria if a case should be prosecuted at formal hearing or if it should be referred to the Arbitration Unit.
3. An arbitration officer decides if the case should be dismissed, sent to a formal hearing, or kept open. A case is kept open if a defendant is required to fulfill conditions set by the officer and agreed to by the defendants.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts